MODIFIED PTO/SB/08 (08-00) Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE number.

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449B/PTO Complete if Known **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE Application Number** 09/658,928 STATEMENT BY APPLICANT Filing Date 09/11/2000 First Named Inventor Shinichiro KOTAKE et al. Date Submitted: September 1, 2004 **Group Art Unit** 1754 (use as many sheets as necessary) **Examiner Name** Wayne A. Langel Sheet of **Attorney Docket Number** 080542-0153

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*		U.S. Patent Document			Date of Dublication of	Pages, Columns, Lines,
	Cite No. ¹	Number	Kind Code ² (if known)	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
					i	
						· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
				-		
			 			

				F	DREIGN PATENT DOCUMEN	TS		*******
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Offic	Foreign Patent D e ³ Number ⁴	Nocument Kind Code ⁵ (if known)	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Documents	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	Т6
WHY	B1	JP	07-112117		Mitsubishi Heavy Ind., Ltd.	05/02/1995		Abst.
WAC	B2	JP	07-108131		Mitsubishi Heavy Ind., Ltd.	04/25/1995		Abst.
WAY	B3	JP	08-000951		Mitsubishi Heavy Ind., Ltd.	01/09/1996		Abst.
with	B4	JP	57-188984		Nissan Eng. KK	11/20/1982		Abst.
WAL	B5	JP	55-147134		Mitsubishi Chem. Ind., Ltd.	11/15/1980		Abst.
			l					

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.) date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.				

Examiner Signature	Wayned Fampl	Date Considered	11-1-04
*EXAMINER	Initial if reference considered whether as a laist?		

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Unique citation designation number. ²See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (MIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.